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### A Woman's Love

By Byron Williams



Upon the banks a willow stands,  
And where the pearly clam-shells gleam,  
It bows with weeping tenderness  
Above the bosom of the stream!  
In springtime when the banks run full,  
It reaches down to kiss the tide—  
For, in the years and years ago,  
The willow was the river's bride!

And when the freshet came that way,  
The willow's roots held firm and true  
And saved the river from the fate  
Of wasting in the lowland slough!  
Ah, then the willow tree was fair,  
With brown-eyed daisies at her throat—  
The gay young river loved her well  
And sang for her his purest note!

But as the years sped on apace,  
The banks gave birth to taller trees—  
To maples and to elm and ash—  
That brought the stream new ecstasies!  
And where he sang his song to her,  
He veered and left her standing dry—  
A faithful helpmeet of his youth,  
Deserted on the bank to die!

And as she saw affection fade,  
Her heart was broken with its woe,  
And bowing low her head, she wept  
Her sorrow to the undertow!  
Ah! Since that day the faithful bride  
Has been the "weeping" willow tree—  
The cast-off sweetheart of the stream  
Who sings to his affinity!

### Calling

By Byron Williams

I can hear the plover piping,  
Over all the city din.  
I can see the turtle sunning  
Ere he slips and splatters in;  
And the meadowlark is calling  
Where the shade is still and deep  
In the land of way off yonder  
Where the world is half asleep!

And the river bubbles, bubbles  
On its way across the land  
Where the hook of plenty glistens  
In the sturdy gleaner's hand;  
And the harvest fields are golden  
Far as human eye can see,  
With the blue-domed sky above me  
And the cattle on the lea.

And the lord who rules the acres  
From the cottage on the crest,  
Is a stalwart knight of labor,  
Born and nurtured of the west.  
Ah, his creed is pure and simple—  
Just the honest creed of toil,  
With the health and humble blessings  
That are garnered of the soil.

Oh, the river drowns the cable  
And the clash of cogging wheels,  
And the nectar of the woodland  
Through the fetid ozone steals  
To the heart that longs for freedom  
And the feet that fret at stones—  
Calling, calling to the country  
Where the limpid water drones.

Ah, it calls me softly, softly,  
As a mother croons her song,  
Calls me always and forever,  
Calls me softly, calls me long.  
Oh, ye great unwieldy city,  
With your cold and molling mart,  
You have won my blood and sinew,  
But the country has my heart!

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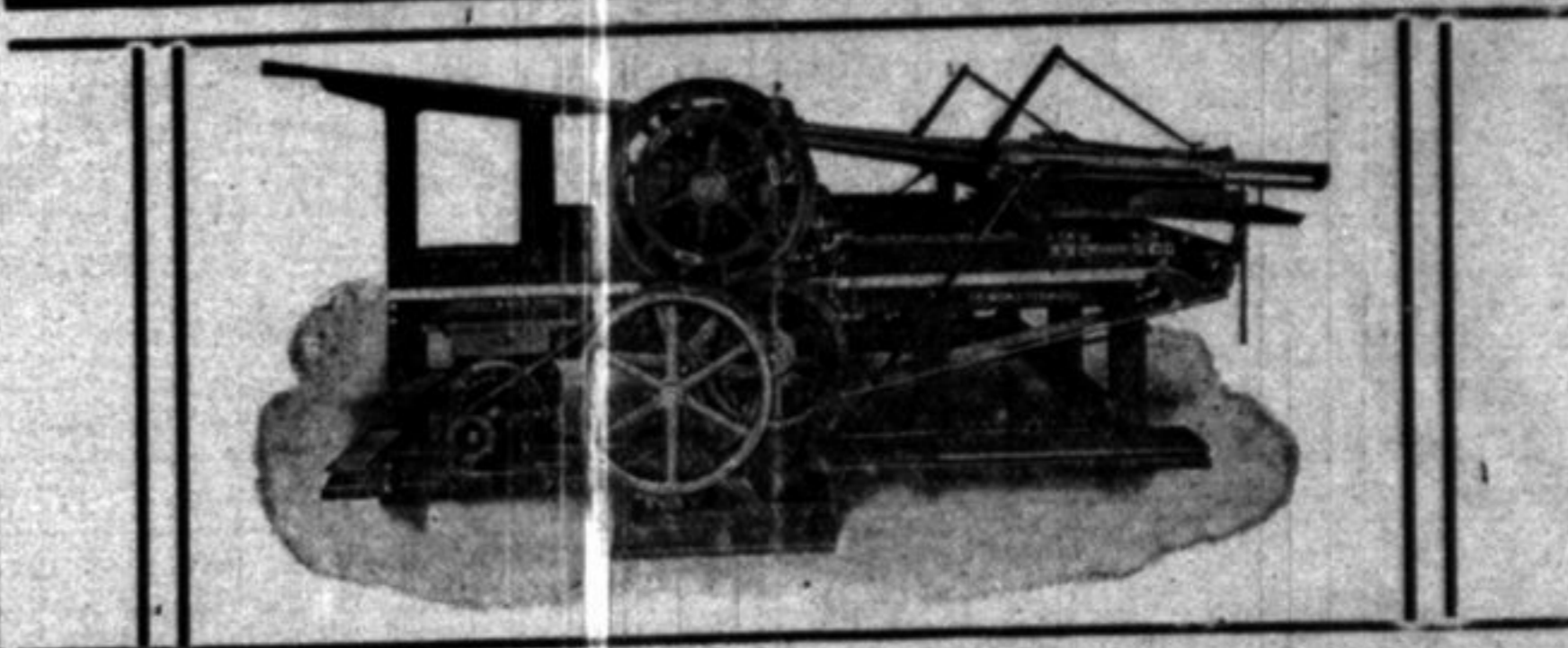
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